

Australian Capital Territory

Legal Profession (Bar Council Fees) Determination 2020 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2020–85

made under the

Legal Profession Act 2006, section 84(2) (Determination of fees by law society council and bar council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 84(2)(a) of the *Legal Profession Act 2006* empowers the bar council to determine fees in relation to applications for the grant or renewal of barrister practising certificates.

Clause 3 of this instrument determines fees for applications for the grant or renewal of a barrister practising certificate beginning on 1 July 2020. The fee payable in Column 2 of the Schedule attached to the instrument is determined according to the level of seniority of the applicant, as described in Column 1 of the Schedule. Corresponding membership fees are as described in Column 3 of the Schedule.

The practising certificate fees have been increased to keep pace with inflation and to make adjustments in relation to certain costs recovered by the Bar Association in administering the grant or renewal of barrister practising certificates. As a result, the practising certificate fees have increased on the basis of a \$50.00 flat fee increase to all practising certificate fees, compared with those fees payable under DI2015-180, and the removal of all merchant fees which previously were payable to practitioners. The fees prior to the \$50 increase (set out in revoked DI2015-180) have been included at the end of this explanatory statement.

Clause 4 of the instrument states that fees are payable by the applicant to the ACT Bar Association, and that payments may be made by instalments with the written agreement of the Association.

Clause 5 of the instrument notes that practising certificate fees are exempt from GST.

Clause 6 revokes the existing determination of bar council fees, DI2015-180.

The determination takes effect on the day after it is notified.

Schedule of practising certificate and membership fees effective 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2020:

Seniority	PC Fees 1.3% CPI	Membership Fees 1.3% CPI
Silk	\$3,340.00	\$520.00
Junior 13+years	\$2,662.00	\$438.00
Junior 6 – 12 years	\$2,215.00	\$328.00
Junior 3 – 5 years	\$1,510.00	\$260.00
Junior 1 – 2 years	\$1,210.00	\$219.00
Readers	\$482.00	\$88.00
Statutory Office PC Holders	\$537.00	\$121.00
Government Non PC	N/A	\$181.00
Interstate (Silk)	N/A	\$338.00
Interstate Junior	N/A	\$299.00
Judicial, Retired Judicial, non-practising Barrister, Academic, Other	N/A	\$181.00